

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date & Time:
November 14, 2025 | 9 am

Meeting Called to Order by:
Dr. Cara Jones, President

Board Members in Attendance

Cara Jones, DDS (President)
Robert Carlisle, DDS
Marcia Cook

David Keith Jones, DDS
Allen Williams, DDS (Secretary/Treasurer)

Board Staff in Attendance

Meredith Rogers (Executive Director), Corneshia Harrison (Administrative Analyst), and Jessica Kloss (Attorney)

Board Recognition and Appointment Update

The Board expressed its appreciation to Dr. Dwight Duckworth for his dedicated service on the Board from 2019 to 2025. Dr. Duckworth has been replaced by Dr. Brandon Kitchens. Dr. Kitchens' appointment paperwork is currently in process.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 5, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Fictitious Name Requests

The following names were reviewed by the Board:

REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME(S)	DENTIST	BOARD DECISION
<i>Bravere Dental Care</i>	Dr. Herman Hurd	No action taken*
<i>Russellville Dental Group</i>	Dr. Jonathan Curlin	Approved
<i>Sunset Avenue Dental</i>	Dr. Ray Bollin	Approved
<i>Emergency Dentist Little Rock</i>	Dr. Billy R. Machen	Approved
<i>Dentistry of the Ozarks</i>	Dr. Patrick Moran	Approved
<i>Diamond State Dental PLLC</i>	Dr. Dennis Schmidt	Approved

*The board does not approve fictitious names associated with management companies.



Revision of Dental Assistant Course Approval Process

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to revise the Board's dental assistant course approval process for radiography and coronal polishing. Under the revised process, the Board will review course curricula, instructional materials, and any additional information requested to determine approval.

Complaint Committee Report

Meredith Rogers reported on the Complaint Committee meeting held on November 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Committee members present were Drs. Cara Jones, Jeffrey Wisener, and Allen Williams, along with Mrs. Marcia Cook. The minutes from the September 18, 2025 Complaint Committee meeting were reviewed and approved. Five complaints were reviewed. After discussion, motions were made, seconded, and passed to dismiss all five complaints, as no apparent violations of the Dental Practice Act were found. The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2026.

Board Office Update

Meredith Rogers gave the following updates:

- The Board office will relocate to the Arkansas Department of Health's main location at 4815 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72206, by June 2026. During the transition, upcoming Board meetings will be held virtually.
- As of the date of this meeting, 14% of dentists and 23% of dental hygienists have renewed their licenses for the 2026–2027 renewal period. Dental and dental hygiene licenses expire on December 31, 2025. Licensees must renew online through the renewal portal, which opened on October 1, 2025.
- Dr. Kristopher Liggett has agreed to and signed a consent order related to allowing an unlicensed hygienist to practice dental hygiene. He has satisfied the terms of the order, including payment of the \$500 fine.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2026 at 9 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M. Rogers'.

Meredith Rogers, Executive Director